

Every happiness
at Christmas
time

Here are our best wishes
for a memorable
Christmas—abundant with
good cheer and good
fellowship.

Elba Theatre

To wish you
a Merry
Christmas

Smith Brothers
1910 1954

TOO MANY FRIENDS

season's
Greetings



In an old fashioned way, but with
all the appreciation we can think of
we wish each of you a
Merry and Joyous Christmas

City of Elba

From our EARLY FILES

Mrs. Minnie Alice Nichols of
Zion Chapel community died in
a Dothan hospital Saturday at
the age of 43. She was a mem-
ber of the Zion Chapel Baptist
Church and had a host of
friends. Surviving are her hus-
band, Earl N. Nichols; one son,
Willie Nichols; three sisters and
four brothers. Funeral services
were held at Zion Chapel Sun-
day afternoon, Rev. B. F. Pierce
officiating. Interment in church
cemetery, Rhodes Funeral Home
directing.

—22 Years Ago—
In a game filled with thrills,
the colored Elba Tigers defeat-
ed the Troy Gems on the Mul-
berry Heights basketball court.
The game was marked for its
roughness and during the last
few minutes he was in action.
Frederick Hammons was the star
player for Elba scoring 19 points.
The Tigers outplayed the beard-
invaders and led by a safe mar-
gin throughout the game. The
final score was Elba 25, Troy 10.

—22 Years Ago—
Mrs. Lella Gattin, wife of J. D.
Gattin, well-known resident of
Lee School House community,
died at the family home Wed-
nesday. She was born and reared
in Coffee County and was 61
years old. Surviving are her hus-
band; two sons, Wiley and Shir-
ley Gattin; two daughters, Mrs.
Mae Maddox and Mrs. Woodson,
two brothers and four sisters.
She was a member of the World-
land Grove Baptist Church. The
funeral services were held at the
church Thursday with Rev. B. F.
Pierce officiating. Burial was in
the church cemetery with the
Rhodes Funeral Home directing.

—22 Years Ago—
Herbert M. Mayberry, 3-year-
old son of Mr. & Mrs. Tom A.
Mayberry, died at the family

home Monday. Besides his par-
ents, he is survived by four bro-
thers and four sisters. Funeral
services were held at Liberty
Methodist Church Tuesday af-
ternoon with Rev. L. W. Tubb
officiating. Burial was in the
church cemetery with Rhodes
Funeral Home directing.

Charles J. Jacobs, well-known
farmer of Wise Mill community,
died Saturday in a Troy hospital
after a week's illness at the age
of 69. He was a member of the
Pentecostal Church at Wise's
Mill. Surviving are his wife, Mrs.
Mollie Jacobs; one daughter, Mrs.
Leslie Nichols; two sons, Tom
and Willie Jacobs. Funeral ser-
vices were held at Zion Chapel
Church Sunday, Rev. B. F. Pierce
officiating. Interment was in the
church cemetery. Paul Beers
directing.

COLORED TEACHERS MEET
Plans to award three schol-
arships were discussed at the
meeting of the colored school
faculty Friday, Dec. 10. Two are
awarded on the basis of ability
and the third on all-around ac-
complishments. These are col-
lege scholarships.

Mrs. M. O. Patton opened the
meeting with the devotional and
Mrs. Dorothy Shaw gave the sec-
retary's report. G. C. Waters is
president.

Plans for entertaining the
members of the P. T. A. with a
chicken dinner Tuesday night,
Dec. 21, at the Elba Colored
School luncheon were made.

The teachers are also enter-
taining all honor roll students
with a pre-Christmas party at
1:30 o'clock Friday afternoon.

The meeting was climaxed
with a movie entitled "Freedom
to Learn." Sylvia B. Terris is re-
porter.

ATTENDING HOWARD
Students from Coffee County
attending Howard College have
been announced as James Mad-
dox, freshman, religion major;
Annie Martz, junior, elementary
education major; Japheth Reese
freshman, religion major; Bob-
by Sanders, sophomore, religion
major; James Sanders, fresh-
man, business administration
major; John Sawyer, freshman,
Hunt Ann Taylor, junior, phy-
sical education major; and Ma-
vie Wilson, junior, social science
major.

JIM TILLERY DIES
Jim Tillery, age 49, of Troy,
Rt. 2, died in a Troy hospital on
Dec. 8. He is survived by the
widow, Rosie Lee Tillery; one son,
Ralph Tillery of Troy; two sis-
ters, Fannie May Leroy and Moz-
zel Johnson, both of Troy; five
brothers, John Tillery, Wilkins-
town; Millard Tillery, Hender-
son; Tom Tillery, Hopewell;
Kendrick Tillery, Henderson and
George Tillery of Troy.

Funeral services were held on
Dec. 9 at Hebron Church at Wil-
kinstown. Burial was in Hebron
Cemetery with Southern Funeral
Home of Elba in charge.

CLIPPERS FOR SALE
At Whitman Drug, English
Drug Center, Elba Drug and
Martin-Colley Drug in Enter-
prise.

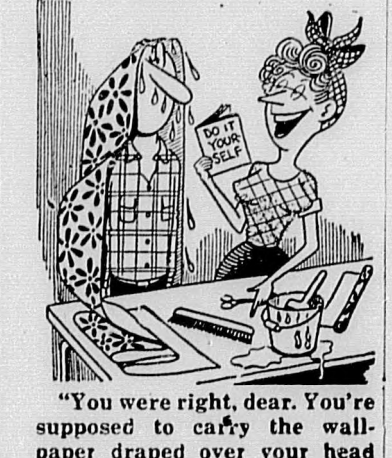
were Lawrence R. Hiram
Ruggs, Wallace K. Joy Hud-
son, Arthur Matheny and The-
odore Dyess.

—22 Years Ago—
Mrs. S. H. Brock entertained
at a 6 o'clock dinner for young
people at her home on Smith
Avenue Tuesday, honoring her
daughter, Miss Nell Brock. A de-
licious course dinner was served.
Mrs. J. C. McLeod assisted the
hostess in serving and enter-
taining. Included in the cour-
tesy were Misses Louise Mitchell,
Marilyne Ham, Catherine
Hutchison, Nell Brock, Messers.
Charles Hayes, Haidane Strain,
Claude and Henry Dorsey and
Frank Bean Tyner of Birming-
ham.

—22 Years Ago—
Mr. & Mrs. Steven Lee of Mont-
gomery are visiting Elba rela-
tives. Mr. & Mrs. Lee were mar-
ried two months ago but have
only recently announced their
marriage. Mr. Lee is a popular
Elba boy and Mrs. Lee is a for-
mer Meridian, Miss. girl.

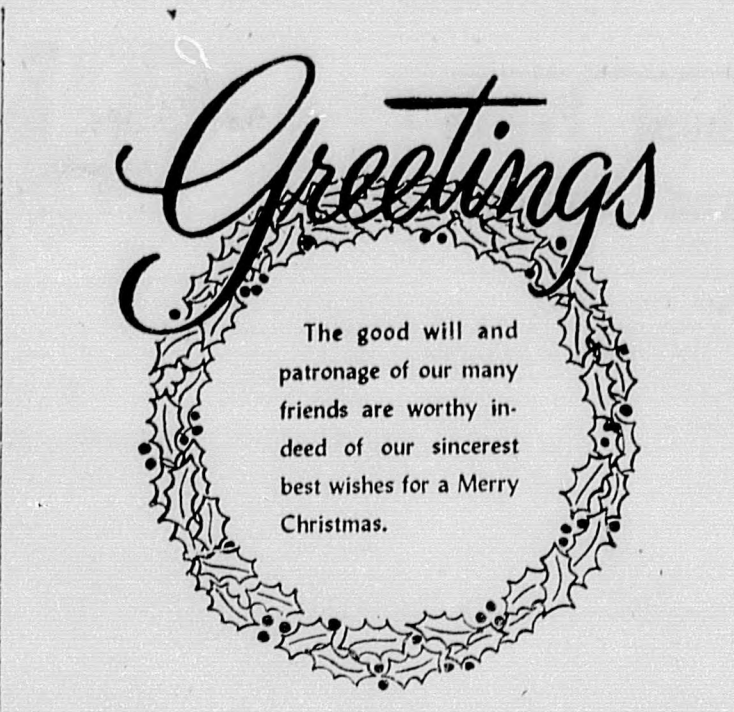
—22 Years Ago—
Mr. & Mrs. Howard McClellan
and two little daughters, Mar-
jory and Peggy, of Monticello,
Fla., and David F. McDowell of
Augusta, Ga., are visiting Mr. &
Mrs. C. B. McDowell and family.

—22 Years Ago—
Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Prescott re-
turned to their home in Pen-
sacola, Fla. Wednesday after a
visit with Mr. Prescott's parents,
Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Prescott.



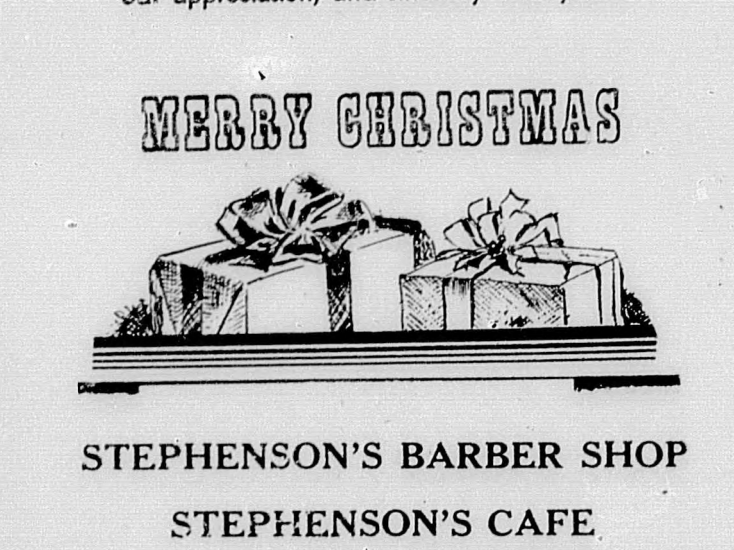
My Neighbor
By Bill Paulson

If you were right, dear, you're
supposed to carry the wall-
paper draped over your head
—with the paste side OUT!



Martin Mercantile

Through the ages, Christmas has marked the
occasion for the expression of good will and
thanks. At this season, we want you to know of
our appreciation, and sincerely wish you a



STEPHENSON'S BARBER SHOP
STEPHENSON'S CAFE



C. O. Miller & Sons

Glory to God
in the highest,
and on earth peace,
good will toward men

Elba Oil Co. Western Auto Assoc Store

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At Whitman Drug, English
Drug Center, Elba Drug and
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FOR RENT**
Elba Exchange Bank
GET THE CLIPPER
READING HABIT

REOPENING
Ward's Repair Shop
Next to Shelby Morrow's
Grocery. I have 16 years
experience in the repair
business.
● Welding of all kinds
● All types motor re-
pair work done.

★ Dry Goods
★ Hardware
★ Groceries
Your General Store
Invites you to
Trade with Them
J. Huie Ziegler, Jack
Elba Mercantile Co.

TO
Buy, Sell or Rent
A
HOUSE
S & S Real Estate
SEE
Sam Sawyer
Phone 397 or 301

INDEPENDENT
★ GAS
★ OIL
U. S. Royal Tires
Auto Accessories
Veteran Auto Parts
Dial 255

Y'ALL COME to
Stephenson Barber
Shop
in the Garret Building
next to Bob Cannon's of-
fice. Any business you
give us will be appreci-
ated.
BARBERS
● Aaron Hudson
● Hubert Stephenson

600 X 16 Tires
recapped for
\$7.95
Wheels Balanced
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All Work Guaranteed
ELBA TIRE &
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Destroy RATS with Water Soluble
WARFARIN
\$1 Package Makes 3 Quarts
Let rats dring themselves to death.
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Phone 243

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successive weeks in the Elba
Clipper, a newspaper published
in Coffee County, Alabama, that
on the 23rd day of November,
1954, Jack W. Conaway, a minor,
over the age of 18 years, filed
in the Circuit Court of Coffee
County, Alabama, in Equity, El-
ba Division, a petition praying
for the removal of his disabili-
ties of non-age; and said peti-
tion will come on to be heard by
the Court after the completion
of said notice by advertisement,

at which time you may appear
and object to said petition if you
see proper.
This the 23rd day of Novem-
ber, 1954.
Gladye Clark, Register.

AN ORDINANCE
Be it ordained by the City
Council of Elba, Alabama as fol-
lows:-
That WHEREAS, Alabama Elec-
tric Cooperative Inc. is now fur-
nishing to the City of Elba, Ala-
bama, all of its electric power
requirements and all of its elec-
tric power requirements of its
consumers under an agreement
dated June 15, 1944, which agree-
ment terminates on Sept. 1, 1954,
and,
WHEREAS, It is mutually agreed
between the City of Elba and
the Cooperative to extend the
termination date of said agree-
ment whereby the Cooperative
will furnish and the City will
purchase all its electric re-
quirements, sufficient to supply
the City and its consumers for
an additional period of time
ending September 1, 1954, and,
THE City of Elba is willing
to grant a franchise to Alabama
Electric Cooperative, Inc. for an
additional period of time end-
ing September 1, 1954, to enable
the Cooperative to furnish such
electric power requirements,
NOW, THEREFORE, Be it or-
dained by the City Council of
the City of Elba, Alabama, as
follows:

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1954-55 Basketball Schedule
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Dec. 14—Lurven Here
Dec. 20—Kinston Here
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Jan. 14—Dothan Here
Jan. 18—Greenville Here
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Jan. 28—Eufaula Here
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Feb. 4—New Brockton Here
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Veterans Cleaners
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CHRISTMAS"
TO YOU!

In the feeling of festivity that fills
the air during the holiday season
may you find a lightened and
lifted spirit, and in the calmness of
the Christmas Season, it is our
sincere hope you will find a deep
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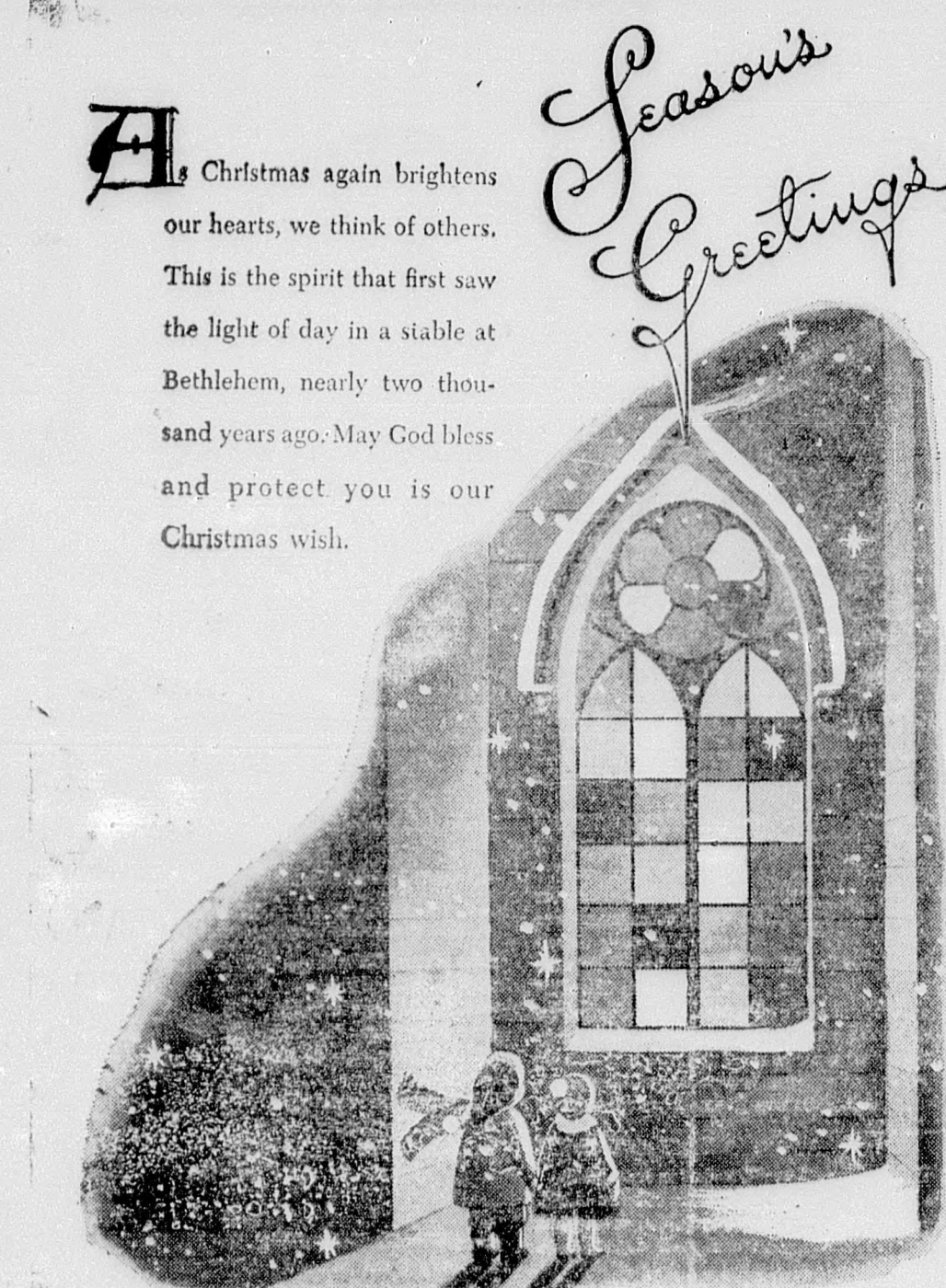
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 Mr. & Mrs. Cecil F. Beck, boy, Elba, Rt. 2.
 Mr. & Mrs. James R. Boggs, girl, Coffee Springs, Rt. 2.
 Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Brown, girl, Chancellor, Rt. 1.
 Mr. & Mrs. Zeida W. Crumpler, boy, Enterprise, Rt. 1.
 Mr. & Mrs. Ivey Doughty, boy, Elba, Rt. 2.
 Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Dean, boy, Elba, Rt. 1.

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SOIL CONSERVATION NEWS

By HOLLAND & KILGO
 What is the function of the soil conservation service? The function is to help the farmer conserve his soil and water resources. It is a service to the farmer, not a government agency. It is a service to the farmer, not a government agency. It is a service to the farmer, not a government agency.

Recent guests of Carlton Whitman were Jim Nettles of DePaul, Ed Ackerson of Andalusia, Mr. Upchurch and David Hubert, band director at Auburn.

Mr. & Mrs. Aubrey G. Lawson, girl, Enterprise.
 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph C. Laroche, girl, Enterprise.
 Mr. & Mrs. Paul H. Martin, girl, Enterprise.
 Mr. & Mrs. Lomax Ogden, girl, Enterprise.
 Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Purvis, boy, Elba, Rt. 4.

Mr. & Mrs. George V. Rogers, boy, New Brockton, Rt. 1.
 Mr. & Mrs. Zealon C. Smith, girl, Enterprise, Rt. 1.
 Mr. & Mrs. James F. Stephens, girl, Enterprise.
 Mr. & Mrs. Mike Saloom, girl, Enterprise.

Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Sherman, girl, New Brockton, Ala.
 Mr. & Mrs. Orville R. Shipman, girl, Enterprise.
 Mr. & Mrs. Holman H. Stephens, boy, Enterprise, Rt. 2.
 Mr. & Mrs. Billy G. Wilson, girl, Enterprise.
 Mr. & Mrs. George E. Wright, girl, Enterprise.

Mr. & Mrs. Irene Rogers, girl, Enterprise, Rt. 2.
 Mr. & Mrs. Mary Flowers, boy, Elba, Rt. 4.
 Mr. & Mrs. Loda Harrison, boy, Enterprise.
 Mr. & Mrs. Ernest R. Jackson, girl, Enterprise.
 Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Rogers, girl, Enterprise, Rt. 2.

CLIPPERS FOR SALE
 At Whitman Drug, English Drug Center, Elba Drug and Martin-Culley Drug in Enterprise.
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MASSON RESOLUTION
 WHEREAS Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst our Brother, C. S. Williamson;
 AND WHEREAS in the death of Brother Williamson his family, his church, his community, his wide circle of friends and his brethren in this lodge have suffered an irreparable loss;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved by Elba Lodge No. 170 AF & AM, a regular convocation assembled that we express to the family of Brother Williamson our sympathy at their loss in his passing, and that we enter upon the records of our lodge the same, together with the following memorial to him:

C. S. Williamson was born in Coffee County, Alabama on the 27th day of February, 1885 and was a life long resident of the county.

That on 4 December 1937 he was joined in the Holy Bonds of Matrimony to Ella Belle Price Grimes, whom he leaves as his widow.

He was a member of Lewis' Mill Lodge prior to its absorption with Elba Lodge No. 170 AF & AM and he continued as a valued member of the latter lodge until his death.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this lodge, a copy forwarded to The Elba Clipper with the request that the same be published, and that a copy, over the signature of the Secretary of the Lodge and with the seal thereof attached, be forwarded to the widow with the condolence of the Lodge.

J. T. Brooks, Worshipful Master.
 C. E. Hudson, H. C. Taylor, Burial Bowers, committee.

PERDUE HD
 The Perdue HD Club met with Mrs. Hollie Boutwell in December. Miss Adams gave the lesson on Tailoring Techniques and the Christmas party was planned. It will be at the home of Mrs. M. M. Newsome and Mrs. Clyde Lee The January meeting will be with Mrs. J. C. Boutwell.

SOCIALS
 Sgt. & Mrs. Harold Brown and little daughter are visiting Mr. & Mrs. Dick Brown. Sgt. Brown has 30 days delay enroute before going to his assignment in Germany. His wife and daughter expect to follow as soon as transportation is available.

Emile Michel, student nurse at Jefferson-Hillman Hospital in Birmingham, is spending the week with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Enoch Michel.

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE
 Combined auto parts, garage and service station in good location in town. Have good yearly gross. Health is reason for selling. See Dick Brown or phone 255. 3rd Dec. 23-30-Jan 6

FOR SALE
 Brick home, three bed rooms, living room, dining room, kitchen, den and two bath rooms. 13 closets, one revolving pantry, built in barbecue pit, garage and extra lot. See O. T. Williams or call 14. 21p Dec. 23-30

FUEL OIL HEATER WANTED
 Good used fuel oil heater for sale. Small size. See Mr. Hester at Piggly Wiggly. 11p

USED PIANO
 On Smith Avenue. Private sale that has to be picked up for repositioning. It can be purchased for the balance of the payments. Contact Jesse French Piano Co., Montgomery. 31p Dec. 9-16-23

WOMEN WANTED
 Make extra money. Address Mail postcards spare time every week. BICO, 143 Belmont, Belmont, Mass. 51p Dec. 16-Jan 13

FOR RENT
 Three bedroom house with a lot of outside space. See M. A. Deane on Smith Ave. or call 1922. 11c

APARTMENT FOR RENT
 On Smith Avenue. Private entrance and bath. Three rooms. See or call Hazel Gibbs, Phone 482. 31p Dec. 9-16-23

FOR SALE
 Dressed turkeys of all sizes. See Mrs. Jamie Nolin at her home, Elba, Rt. 1, in Woodland Grove community. 21p Dec. 16-23

FOR RENT
 A good farm house about 10 miles from Elba in the Belles.

LEGAL NOTICES
NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS' ANNUAL MEETING
 The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Elba Exchange Bank, Elba, Alabama for the election of directors and the transaction of other business that may come before the meeting, will be held at the office of the bank on Friday, December 15, 1954, between the hours of six and nine o'clock P. M.

Dec. 20, 1954
 John Brunson, President
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Mrs. Wyeth Bragg left Birmingham Saturday for Bermuda where she will join her husband, A. C. Wyeth Bragg. Mrs. Bragg will spend 12 days in Bermuda before returning home to resume her studies at STC.

Mrs. Virginia White of Montgomery is spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. Levey Stephens and Mr. Stephens.

Mr. & Mrs. Vaughn Ham and children of Dothan are visiting in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Lotue Ham and Mrs. Bicker Ham.

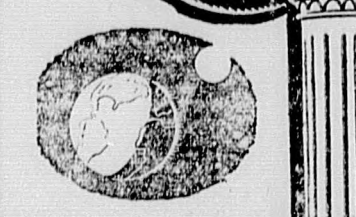
Will and Fred Harper were visitors to Montgomery Saturday.

Mr. & Mrs. Billie Rowe of Auburn are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Rowe and Mrs. Osawell Dowling.

Among the University of Alabama students that are home for Christmas are Lewis Merrill Brooks, Jerry Brunson, Andy Kamey, Jimmy Bowden and Kenneth King.

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Young Matrons BWC

The Young Matrons B. W. C. met Monday night at 7 o'clock with Mrs. Tom Beale as hostess. Mrs. Lotue Ham Jr., chairman of the circle, gave the devotionals and Miss Rebecca Kilgo gave the lesson and the autobiography of Little Moon. A special offering was taken and during the social hour gifts were exchanged by the members. Sandwiches and hot coffee were served by the hostess.

Sgt. & Mrs. H. J. Cox and son of Victoria, Texas have arrived at the home of Mrs. H. J. Clark where they will spend the holidays.

Edd Clark of Marshall, Texas was a recent visitor in the home of his mother, Mrs. H. J. Clark.

Mr. & Mrs. Morgan Windham and Buddy left Monday for Hartsville where they will spend the Christmas holidays with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Roger Chapman.

Mr. & Mrs. Ned Polmar and little son of Goshen spent several days last week with her mother, Mrs. Will Brunson.

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CIRCLE NO. 1

Circle No. 1 of the Baptist Church met Monday afternoon with Mrs. Alton Bullard as hostess. The devotionals were given by Mrs. Bullard and Mrs. Carl Larkins presided and taught the lesson taken from the 23rd psalm.

Plans were made to prepare a basket for a needy family and to bake cakes to be sent to the Baptist orphanage. Mrs. Sam Rowe and Mrs. Alton Bullard were appointed to serve on this committee. A free will offering was taken. A salad plate of Christmas cookies was served to ten members.

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SO CINE

Anniversary Dinner
 Psi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma held its Anniversary dinner in Elba recently at the school lunchroom.
 The banquet tables were beautifully decorated for the occasion and a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings served.

Mrs. H. B. Larkins, president, welcomed the visitors and introduced those on the program. Mrs. Paul was guest speaker and James Patrenos provided music.

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Ann-Judson G.A.'s
 A study of the forward steps was made by the Ann-Judson G. A.'s of the First Baptist church, Monday, Dec. 15. Judith Larkins presided and Carolyn Deal was program chairman.

Mrs. & Mrs. Hubert Stephenson spent Monday in Montgomery where they will meet their daughter, Mrs. Dick Hart of Chicago who will spend several days with them.

Buddy Windham is a patient in a hospital in Hartsville where he is recovering from an operation.

Dr. & Mrs. E. M. Warr had as their guests last Sunday Mr. & Mrs. H. V. Armstrong, Mr. & Mrs. B. H. Hill and family, Mr. & Mrs. Jamie Armstrong, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Grace of Ashford, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Lamb and family, Mr. & Mrs. George Armstrong and family, Mr. & Mrs. J. A. Armstrong and family, Mr. & Mrs. Norman Armstrong and family of Dothan.

also visited Mr. & Mrs. James Fuller and family in Lake Placid, Fla.

Pic. Jackie Joe Brannon, son of Mrs. Ella B. Wilkerson, arrived home from Korea last Tuesday to spend a 30-day furlough with Mr. & Mrs. Wilkerson and Mrs. Brannon in Samson. Jackie Joe spent 16 months in Korea. He will report to Ft. Hood, Texas for reassignment at the termination of his furlough.

J. W. Hawkins, of Detroit, Mich. is spending some time with his mother and step-father, Mr. & Mrs. David C. Watson.

Mrs. R. E. Williams spent last weekend near Lake Okechobee, Ala. as a guest of her sister, Mrs. M. B. Howard and Mr. Howard.

Little Miss Kaye Stephens of Andalusia is spending this week with her grandfather, W. J. Donaldson.

Sandra Nobles, small son of Mr. & Mrs. C. O. Nobles, returned home from Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp Sunday. Sandra had an emergency appendectomy last Monday night.

Mr. & Mrs. W. N. Ainsworth and daughter and Mrs. Ainsworth's mother, Mrs. Stacie Graham of Pascagoula, Miss. spent the weekend with Mrs. Jessie Matthews.

Pvt. Robert Brooks and Pvt. Ned Pierce of Camp Gordon, Ga. arrived Saturday to spend two weeks with their parents Mr. & Mrs. U. W. Throver and Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Pierce.

Mrs. L. H. Price continues ill at her home. She recently spent a few days in Jefferson-Hillman hospital in Birmingham for examination and diagnosis.

Mr. & Mrs. Eddie McCake and Billy of Newport, N. C. are here for the holidays with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Edd Maddox.

Mrs. Janie Ainsworth was admitted to Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp last Tuesday morning. She has been in declining health since last May.

Mr. & Mrs. H. A. Seay and daughter, Mrs. Cora Hood and infant son, also Mr. & Mrs. Roy Seay and family recently moved to Winter Garden, Fla. to make their home. Mr. & Mrs. H. A. Seay have retired from farm life having sold their farm to Mr. & Mrs. Holland Rhodes and have bought their home site in Winter Garden.

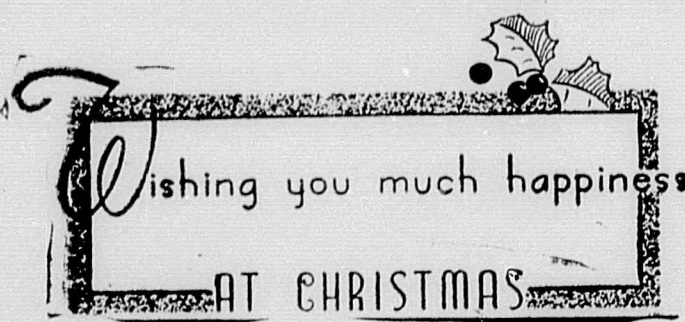
Mrs. & Mrs. Clayton Bess and infant daughter, returned last Sunday from Eagle Lake, Fla. where they had spent two weeks with Mr. & Mrs. James Bess. They

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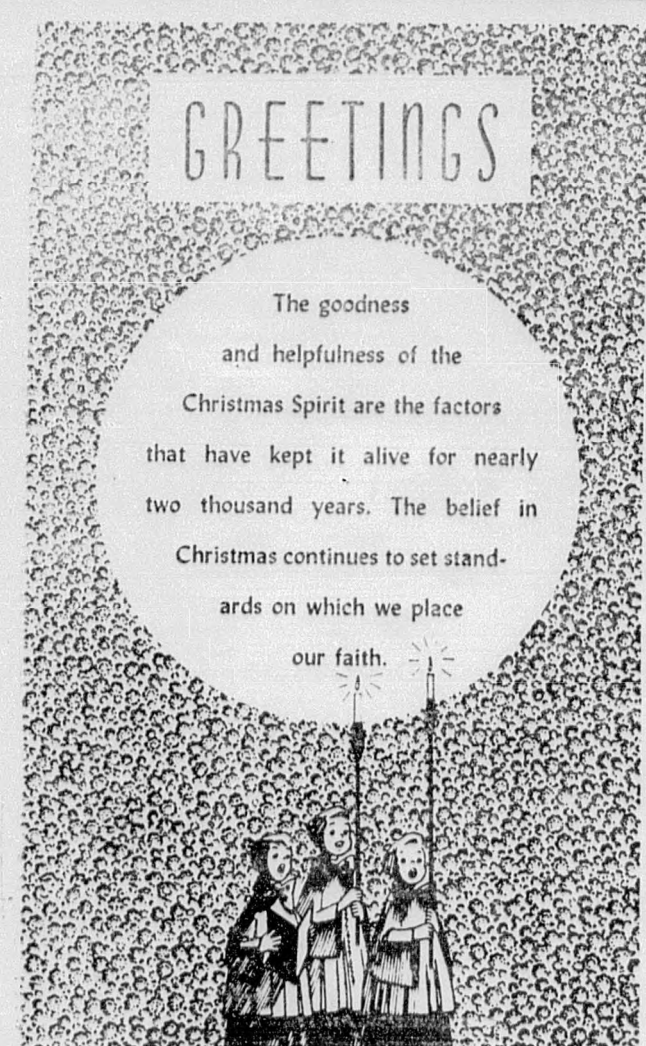


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Editorials

Enterprise City Administration Is "On the Go"

One thing that has been noticeable about the city administration in Enterprise in recent months is the "get up and go" that has characterized its activities. A good example of this reaching out for opportunity is the manner in which they handled their airport transaction. They had a landing strip built almost before the echo of the offer from the State Department of Aeronautics died away. All they have left to do is sod the site and pilot trainees from Camp Rucker will be able to practice take-offs and landings. It didn't take them long to get in action on this project.

In the past month, merchants and city officials in our sister city saw 30 to 40 families pull up stakes and move to Ozark because of the cooperative housing project there. Last week the council offered two building sites to the retail merchants' association at a reasonable cost so that Enterprise could fight fire with fire and have its own co-op housing project.

Wide-awake Mayor N. W. "Jug" Brown, noting that 600 more men will report to Rucker in January and eventually 6,000 troops will be billeted there, said, "We're in sad shape (for housing)."

Recognizing the problem, he and the city council have passed the ball to their fellow townsmen with the offer of good building sites at a reasonable cost. It is interesting to note that the land which the council is selling came

from the town's first airport project. Meanwhile, no official word has been released on the status of negotiations between the City of Elba and John Brown for the purchase of the "old airport" site for a landing strip for the city. Final closing of the transaction might have been completed by press time by Mayor L. P. Mullins who was instructed by the council to buy it, but at any rate, construction on the Elba airport will not be able to proceed as fast as it did in Enterprise. By making their purchase when they did and as quickly as they did, our sister city hit a time when road-building equipment of most of the county commissioners was available. Now most of the commissioners have started SACF projects with deadlines and will have to concentrate their efforts on road work first and Elba's airport, second. That's the way it should be, too. Elba will just have to be patient and catch the machinery and personnel when they are idle.

This won't have any adverse effect on Elba's airport except to make it a little longer before it is available to Camp Rucker as a training site. As a Rountree, state department of Aeronautics director, told the city council time limit is imposed on a municipality insofar as completing the landing strip is concerned. Also, the state's share of the construction costs is paid as work progresses.

These two money crops that is allotted by the ASC.

Every year there are some land owners who do not use their cotton or peanut allotments. When they fail to return these to the ASC office in New Brockton, those acres are lost to the county and the total income from cotton and peanuts lopped off that much. By telling the ASC office they do not plan to use their allotted peanut and cotton acreage, land owners accomplish two things. First, they do not lose their own allotment for the next year or get it cut anymore than a proportionate share. Then they make more acres available to the farmers who want to plant cotton and peanuts because the land is reallocated to those who will make use of it.

Cotton and peanut acreage quotas received by the ASC are in all probability final. Acreage of cotton has been cut heavily and peanuts shaved some. One land owner who planted 17.6 acres of cotton last year has an allotment of only 13.1 for spring. His only increase will come from unwanted allotments turned back to the ASC.

Farmers not wanting their quotas will help increase the county income from these two crops and help those trying to make farming pay under limited acreage allotments by releasing them early enough for their neighbor to plant them.

Commissioners Run Into Snag On Road Patrol

Last week the county commissioners turned down the low bid on a patrol for Flournoy Whitman's district. The bid was for a Gallon Model. All the rest of the equipment in Mr. Whitman's district is Caterpillar. In refusing the bid, the Southwest District commissioner said he believed the county would save money by keeping all one make machine in his area.

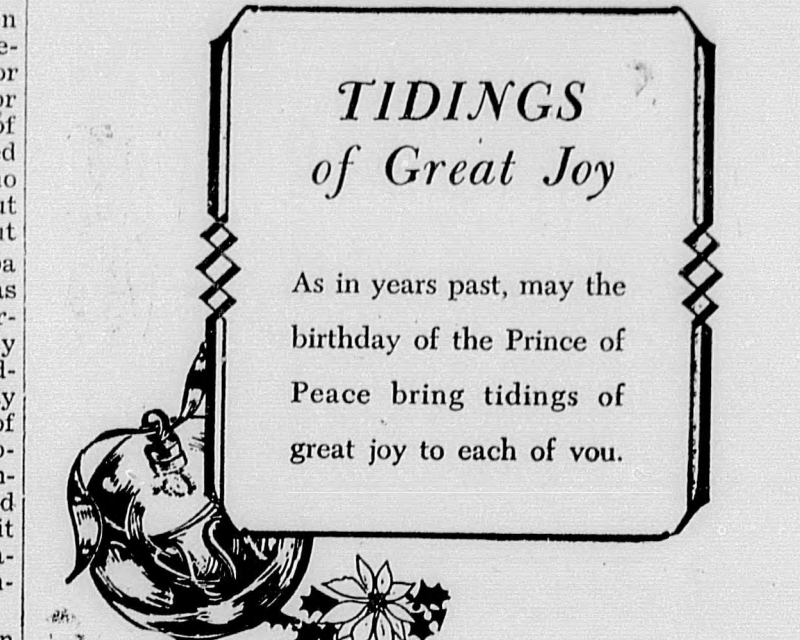
With good reasoning Mr. Whitman states it simplifies the problem of parts supply and repairs by having all the same make equipment. He maintained he would have to hire another mechanic if he got another brand machine.

While The Clipper is 100% in favor of the county purchasing bill (even as it concerns printing), Mr. Whitman has a strong argument in his favor. Some way should be set up so that the commissioners would have outside technical advice, say from the state highway department, on this question. If a competent maintenance man from the state should survey the situation and recommend keeping all one make road machinery in Mr. Whitman's district, the proper authority should permit him to buy a Caterpillar patrol. If it will save money, it should be done that way.

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JAMES A. CRITTENDEN
U. S. FOREST, AUSTRIA.—Mr. James A. Crittenden, whose wife, Dollie Mae, lives at 1023 First Ave., Columbus, Ga. is serving with U. S. Forces in Austria. Crittenden, a platoon sergeant in the 285th Signal Const.

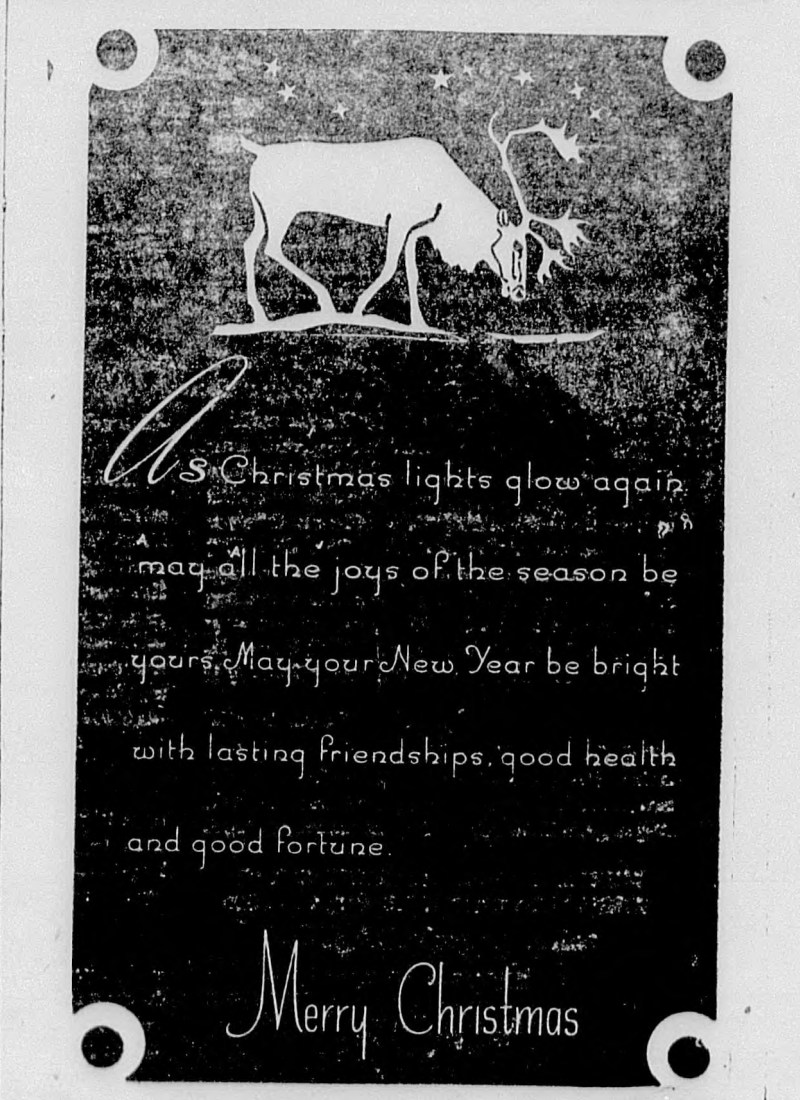
Co. of the 63rd Signal Bn., entered the army in 1942. A holder of the Bronze Star Medal, he arrived in Austria during October 1953. His mother, Mrs. Ophelia Bass, lives on Rt. 2, New Brockton.



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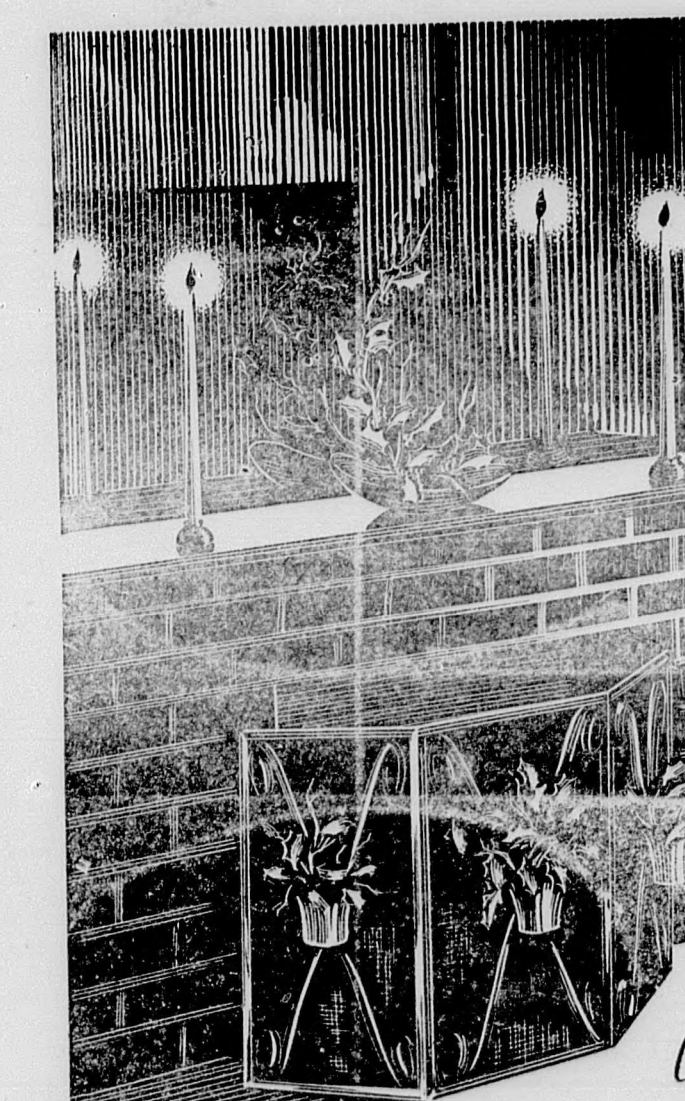


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POOR ORIGINAL

County Farm Income Drops \$1.8 Million

A whopping \$1.8 million drop (21%) in farm receipts was recorded this year in Coffee County, according to the annual report of Farm Agent J. R. Speed. Gross receipts were listed at \$5,124,300 in comparison with last year's estimated \$6,950,000. Peanuts and cotton which grossed \$5 million in 1953 were worth only \$2,849,000 with their combined effort this year. In 1953 Speed estimated their value at \$2.5 million each.

Income from peanuts dropped \$1,630,000 to \$870,000 and cotton was off almost half a million (\$478,400), bringing in \$2,021,500. The peanut estimate is based on a survey of buyers in the county who said they purchased only 4,350 tons this year compared with 12,500 last season.

Cotton did not follow the general pattern set for other Wire-grass farmers and produce as well for Coffee County planters as it did generally for Southeast Alabama.

Increased receipts from poultry, forestry and livestock kept the Coffee County totals from going lower, the report shows. "We were drought-stricken," Speed said, "notwithstanding the fact that the area never was declared a disaster area. Such a classification by the USDA would have made farmers eligible for emergency feed and grain at reduced prices. Speed said.

The county agent pointed out that dairy farmers buying feed were at a "disadvantage" in that they were having to compete with others who lived in "disaster" areas.

He said Coffee County dairy producers actually produced a

MAIL CHECKS

Alabama Power Company put in the mail Dec. 14 tax collector checks to 61 counties aggregating \$2,833,144.57, covering real and personal property taxes in those counties. Of this total it is estimated that \$1,119,000 will be allocated for educational purposes. The Company's total tax bill for 1954, including federal and state income taxes, is expected to be \$16 million.

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surplus of milk but a decrease in price helped shrink receipts from \$194,000 in 1953 to \$155,000 this year.

Other totals used in Speed's end-of-year round-up were: Hogs, \$218,800; and beef cattle, \$292,600. Last year's gross for the two was \$1,390,000. An estimated 40,000 hogs have been marketed in the county this year, the report said.

A "much better than expected" corn crop lent itself to the improved position of hogs, Speed said.

"It couldn't have been peanuts," he emphasized, "from the looks of the figures available." Spot checks with 20 corn farmers who reported the yield of 633 acres showed a 12.6 bushel per acre average for the group. Speed believes this to be a "pretty safe figure" to use for the county as a whole.

The per-acre peanut average was 900 pounds last year but only about 300 this year. Speed estimated that the seed and fertilizer bill alone for peanuts ran to \$161,000. Out of a gross income of \$491,800 this leaves \$328,000 to cover labor, gas and all other costs of putting in and

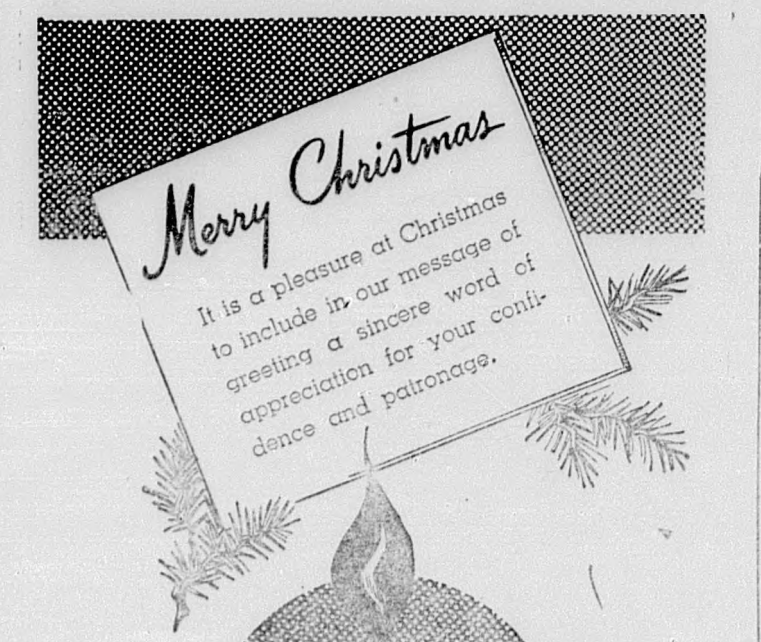
harvesting the crop. Poultry and eggs grossed \$104,000 as farmers got further into the act of diversification, the increase being brought on largely by the spreading number of cage layers flocks. Poultry enterprises were worth approximately \$75,000 last year.

Receipts from forestry products increased from \$330,000 to \$373,000. Sales from lupine and small grain seed increased from \$37,000 to \$65,000.

But commercial horticulture crops dropped to \$23,000. Speed estimated the gross to be from \$75,000 to \$100,000 last year. Potatoes alone brought \$16,000 last year but, the report said, were not worth more than \$3,000 to farmers this year.

An illustration, Speed said, would be to cite the fact that farm families planted and cared for 5,100 gardens during the season. Each of these was valued at \$200 in the annual report.

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Through the Keyhole

BY MRS. ROBERT CANNON

THE CHURCH is the center of Christmas. There are well-planned and beautifully executed cantatas; the chancelery is filled with poinsettias, the bloom of the season; there are missionary circles preparing baskets and living again the age old story as told by Luke, there are \$100 to Troy to hear "The Messiah."

There are prayer meetings conducted by laymen. So many things could be listed, familiar to us all as we turn with great thanksgiving to our churches.

And at such a time it seemed right to spotlight a minister, the symbol of the church. Selected was the Reverend Elvin T. Edgar, minister of the Methodist Church of Elba. Rev. Edgar is shown today, not as representative of the church, but as a full scholarship to cover all expenses for three years. He graduated with a Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1951.

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